

South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2014 - FY2018

	Year of Release				
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Number of Releases	9,485	9,354	9,147	9,305	8,585
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release				
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Within One Year or Less	5.6%	5.8%	5.5%	5.0%	5.7%
Within Two Years or Less	15.2%	15.7%	14.2%	13.8%	14.8%
Within Three Years or Less	22.7%	22.3%	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%
Within Four Years or Less	27.6%	27.3%	25.6%	n/a	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	30.8%	30.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes					
Attributes	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Overall Rate	22.7%	22.3%	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%
Gender					
Males	23.7%	23.1%	21.9%	21.1%	20.1%
Females	14.8%	16.2%	15.7%	13.6%	14.3%
Type of Release					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	18.7%	18.6%	17.1%	17.4%	15.2%
Parole	19.0%	19.5%	16.8%	19.5%	18.5%
Probation	34.3%	31.3%	29.6%	27.0%	29.7%
Community Supervision	12.0%	12.9%	12.6%	10.2%	8.9%
Supervised Reentry	27.9%	25.1%	27.1%	22.0%	19.4%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	30.9%	31.9%	33.7%	36.1%	32.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	25.0%	32.8%	24.7%	17.9%	16.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	28.9%	30.3%	30.6%	28.5%	28.1%
Age at Release					
Under 25 Years	28.5%	29.1%	31.4%	27.7%	27.1%
25-30 Years	23.4%	24.1%	20.7%	20.7%	19.8%
31-40 Years	21.9%	19.7%	21.3%	20.2%	18.8%
Over 40 Years	19.1%	19.2%	16.2%	15.7%	15.8%
Program Participation					
Pre-Release	20.8%	20.4%	19.9%	19.4%	17.4%
Work Program	22.6%	16.3%	15.8%	19.1%	15.8%
Labor Crew	21.9%	18.0%	17.4%	19.2%	16.8%
Labor Crew/Work Program	21.8%	18.0%	17.3%	19.2%	16.8%
Prison Industry	12.5%	13.4%	10.9%	11.7%	10.4%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	21.3%	17.3%	15.8%	15.3%	12.8%
Sentence Type					
Youthful Offender Act*	29.7%	30.8%	30.5%	29.4%	27.2%
Straight-time	21.9%	21.4%	20.3%	19.3%	18.6%
Criminal History					
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	25.6%	25.4%	22.8%	22.9%	22.0%
Had Commitment	26.8%	26.7%	23.4%	23.7%	22.1%
No Known Priors	18.0%	17.4%	18.6%	16.1%	15.7%
Mental Health Classification at time of release					
Mentally Ill	25.8%	24.4%	24.7%	20.6%	20.3%
Non-Mentally Ill	22.3%	22.1%	20.8%	20.1%	19.2%

* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years. "Intensive Supervision Parole" releases began in FY13; this parole program includes "first time" youthful offenders who undergo intensive programs/oversight while institutionalized and while on parole supervision.